

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application was filed with 92 claims. In the action mailed February 25, 2008 the Office required restriction into four groups:

- Group I. Claims 1-30, 51, 52, 57-59, and 67-69, drawn to a microfluidic device;
- Group II. Claims 31-50, 53-56, and 60-66, drawn to a microfluidic device;
- Group III. Claims 70-81 drawn to a method for mixing two or more different fluids in a microfluidic device; and
- Group IV. Claims 82-92 drawn to a method for binding a sample to a target in a microfluidic device.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, with traverse as to Group II. The claims of both Group I and II are drawn to a microfluidic device. Applicants believe that the examination of the claims of Groups I and II would not present undue burden on the Office. Applicants note, this application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/724,548, which issued as Patent No. 7,351,376. In the '548 application, claims corresponding to Groups I and II were examined together. Moreover, the '376 patent issued with claims corresponding to both Groups I and II.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-462-5330

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